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Condition of higher education discussed

By BARBARA CZERANKO

The condition of higher education in Nebraska and UNO's role was discussed at a public hearing Friday in the Student Center.

The hearing was conducted by a committee formed under the provisions of Legislative Bill 247 to study higher education in Nebraska.

The committee heard testimony from students, administrators, faculty and area business representatives.

Chancellor Del Weber was unable to attend the hearing. However, in a written testimony, he said, "Eight decades ago, with borrowed money, borrowed faculty and a single building, the university (UNO then called Omaha University) welcomed its first 26 students for classes in the arts and sciences."

Today, UNO "occupies a privileged position" because it is rooted in a community committed to economic growth, he said.

He said fall enrollment of nearly 16,000 students is larger than once imagined, anchoring UNO solidly in the community.

Local business leaders and residents have asked UNO to train and upgrade the work force and to conduct research for area businesses, Weber said.

"Frankly, Omaha needs UNO to be a player in this regional, even national, arena," Weber stated.

Area business leaders' testimony reflected a concern about the lack of qualified graduates in particular areas.

C.R. "Bob" Bell, president of the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, said most of the companies he spoke with have computer facilities with more than 100 employees. He said UNO's programs should meet these growing needs.

To attract students and aid businesses, Bell proposed UNO develop higher-level programs including a doctoral program in computer science.

Other testimony focused on the modification of programs currently offered at UNO.

J.R. Hanson, director of learning services for US West Communications said the university should expand remote classes which allow students to "attend" classes through a

televised classroom with two-way communication.

Steve Jeschke of Valley, Neb. said he obtained his master's degree in manufacturing-systems engineering through use of the remote classroom.

Chris McClenny, director of Student Government's Council for Community and Legislative Relations, said in his testimony that although he found UNO to be "academically rich," he agrees the university needs to keep up with the growing community.

"We must respond to what our community needs in developing our academic structure and programs," McClenny said.

McClenny said UNO's role and mission statement needs to be updated as well. The statement was last revised in 1977.

Faculty Senate president Kim Sosin said UNO is no longer bound to an outdated role and mission statement.

"In order to respond to Nebraska's dynamic social and economic needs, our post-secondary institutions require a flexible role and mission statement," Sosin said.

Sosin said a flexible statement would not alter an institution's primary functions - offering students a general education and providing students with the opportunity for intellectual and professional growth.

In keeping with the flexible role of state universities, Sosin said programs offered at different schools may overlap. "Some duplication of programs is inevitable in the pursuit of these basic educational missions."

In addition to testimony regarding UNO's role in higher education, others testified in support of adding Kearney State College to the NU system.

Tom Goutierre, dean of International Studies and Programs, said a combination of programs with those at Kearney would enhance cultural education across the state.

Former University of Nebraska Regent James Moylan said the addition of Kearney to the NU system would benefit western Nebraska economically, just as UNO benefits Omaha.

"Eventually, we will have to take the other state colleges into the system," Moylan said.



-- Dave Weaver

Chris McClenny, director of Student Government's Council for Community Relations, testifying before the legislative committee. "We must respond to what our community needs in developing our academic structure and programs," McClenny said.

Study to review role and mission of Nebraska's higher education

Under the provisions of Legislative Bill 247, a committee was formed to study the condition of higher education in the state of Nebraska.

The committee is currently holding public hearings across the state as part of the assessment process.

The study is directed to:

- Understand the educational aspirations of Nebraskans and future needs of the state.
- Initiate a strategic plan for Nebraska post-secondary educational institutions as they relate to those needs and aspirations.
- Review the role and mission statutes for each post-secondary educational institution as they relate to those needs and aspirations.

tion as they relate to those needs and aspirations.

● Evaluate the coordination of programs, paying special attention to telecommunication and economic development programs.

● Review the governance and structure issues and recommend possible changes.

● Recommend a possible constitutional amendment needed to satisfy proposed changes. Those changes include, but are not limited to, the anticipated transfer of Kearney State College to NU system.

The committee expects to submit a final report in nine months to one year.

West German cabinet minister speaks at UNO

By ELIZABETH OMMACHEN

"The United States of Europe" will begin to take shape in 1992, according to West German Cabinet Minister Otokar Hahn.

Hahn spoke at UNO Sept. 13 as part of a lecture tour sponsored by the Federal Republic of Germany Consulate General based in Chicago.

Hahn said Europe will soon unite on an economic level similar to the United States.

That unification involves the expansion of the European Common Market, also referred to as the Economic Community (EC).

Hahn said the EC will develop further cooperation among its 12-member countries by creating standard norms in the areas of trade, foreign policy, currency and technological research.

The 12 members include: West Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Great Britain, Ireland, Greece, Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, Portugal and the Netherlands.

"It's wrong to talk about a fortress Europe," Hahn said. "The United States of Europe would be the biggest trading power in the world. I can assure everybody that the EC will be an open market."

However, associate professor of Foreign Languages Kurt Kraetschmer said he disagrees with some of Hahn's views.

"In some instances, Europe actually is a fortress," Kraetschmer said. "If the United States, a primary trading partner for Europe, can not get into this market it will hurt them (the United States)."

Hahn said 1992 could be a significant year. By removing internal borders in Europe and creating standard norms in areas such as currency, the EC could save \$210 billion, raise

the Gross National Product five percent, and create up to 5 million new jobs.

Kraetschmer said he agrees open borders could only benefit Europe and the elimination of borders could end multiple tariffs on foreign merchandise.

Increased communication among European police could also "make things more difficult for terrorists," Kraetschmer said.

"Through the cooperation of these countries, they'll have a better handle on controlling terrorism," he said.

During Hahn's speech, some audience members questioned whether an increase in the EC's economic power would include adopting a military role as well.

He said, although defense is currently NATO's responsibility, that may change. "NATO certainly must redefine its role," Hahn said.

Kraetschmer said, "NATO is strictly the military character. The EC, at this moment, claims it is primarily an economic bloc. This claim, of course, is very difficult to maintain in view of Austria's application to the EC."

Austria has applied for membership in the EC, but is unwilling to give up its military neutrality, he said.

Hahn discussed Austria's involvement in the EC, as well as the Soviet Union and Eastern Bloc's "guest status" in the EC.

"In the last year, the whole situation changed with the Russians recognizing the EC," Hahn said.

The EC and the Eastern Bloc have already been involved in the joint technological effort — Project Eureka.

The consolidated efforts of Project Eureka include Europe's first attempt at space exploration — launching the satellite, Ariane, and advancements in telecommunications.

"The main goal (of Project Eureka) is to compete with the

Americans and the Japanese in computer technology," Kraetschmer said.

He added the competition could develop into cooperation, but the EC's current goal is to become economically independent of the United States and Japan.

Kraetschmer said Project Eureka may develop further Eastern Bloc involvement in the EC.

"I wouldn't be surprised if one day they say, 'We want to be members, too,'" Kraetschmer said. "If (Soviet President Mikhail) Gorbachev remains in office, he probably will not object too much to this tendency."

Even without Soviet and Eastern Bloc opinions to contend with, Hahn said the EC is having difficulty agreeing upon common currency, mutual foreign policy and environmental reform.

Hahn said Great Britain has been an obstacle in the effort to unify Europe's monetary system.

"No one wants to exclude Britain," Hahn said, "but if Britain creates further problems, the other member states might go ahead (without it)."

Hahn said British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has agreed common currency would benefit both Britain and Europe.

Kraetschmer said he also agrees common currency is a feasible proposal. However, he said he did not think the proposed common foreign policy is necessary for the EC.

"Each country, even if it is part of the EC, should have the right to determine its own public relations," he said.

"We, the EC, are a growing market," Hahn said, adding the unification of Europe would increase the standard of living and become a positive influence in the world market.

One of life's great unsolved mysteries And now for the moment you've all been waiting for

Tomorrow the University of Nebraska will release its enrollment statistics for the Fall 1989 semester, which should solve one of the greatest annual mysteries at UNO: How many students are actually here?

Apparently, the Registrar's Office doesn't feel comfortable publicizing estimations, guesses or inklings. If they did, we could have written about it during the first week of school.

The enrollment mystery, however, is only a small lead to the greatest conundrum on campus - parking.

That's right, it's time for the famed Parking Editorial. Once or twice a year, more often than not, the *Gateway* staff gets the opportunity to complain about parking.

Editor Eric Stoakes: "They've done all these great things, but it still sucks. I've parked illegally almost every day."

Assistant Editor Dave Jahr: "It's bad. It looks good because we have a lot of students, but I have to park about a mile away from the *Gateway*."

Associate Editor David Manning: "I wish I'd never sold my garage card."

Sports Editor Greg Kozol: "I think it stinks, but what can you do? I used to park in Elmwood."

News Editor John Watson: "Parking is no problem on campus - just come to school at 6:30 a.m. No problem."

Staff Artist Jon Simonsen: "I had to drop a class because there was no place to park. I probably would've dropped it anyway. The books weren't in."

Assistant Ad Manager Heather Graham: "I paid \$40

Staff EDITORIAL

for a garage permit and I've already got three tickets."

Business Manager Rosalie Meiches: "Parking is horrible around here. We need a parking garage on this side of campus."

The *Gateway* staff alone has received at least a dozen tickets.

Hopefully we'll be able to report on enrollment sta-

tistics in the Friday issue. Our official guesstimate? Although sidewalk capacity is unknown, UNO's student population is up from last year, to about 16,345. Remember, you read it here first.

The parking problem at UNO won't be resolved as easily. UNO is limited in the amount of space available for parking.

In a study released in the 1970s, it was suggested the university should buy the land west of campus all the way to 67th Street for the sole purpose of surface parking, and that was a decade ago.

Since UNO's neighbors wouldn't appreciate that parking expansion plan, we need to find another way.

A parking garage on the west side of campus is the answer to UNO's parking woes, even if it means another increase in parking permit fees. No one has to park on campus, but then again, no one has to walk from the Crossroads lot in February. In snow. When it's cold.

Until then, the only question that needs to be answered is this:

How many of us are driving more than one car to school?

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MY DAD SAYS THAT, LIKE, IN THE WAY-600 60'S, THEY, LIKE, DIDN'T NEED THESE FASCIST SIGNS...

LETTERS

To the Editor:

The cartoon "Life in Hell," published in the *Gateway*'s Sept. 1 issue, is a racist expression and its publication cannot be tolerated. Perhaps the crude implications were not noted by your editorial staff. This would be no surprise since ignorance is a prime perpetrator of acts of racism. Perhaps the implications were noted and your editorial staff chose to publish it anyway.

In July the *Gateway* published a similarly offensive cartoon. In response to a letter I submitted then, you described the cartoon as an attempt to "humorously depict" racism. There is no way to humorously depict either racism or the devastating effects which confront people of color as a result of it. You also stated in July that the cartoon had been misinterpreted and the I "seemed to agree" with you that "racist attitudes exist in today's society."

First, the cartoon was interpreted with experiences and perspectives of the reader, a natural phenomena of reading and journalism. Articles put forth in the public realm are subject to various interpretations are they not? Perhaps you misinterpreted the cartoon's possible offensive nature.

Second, think about your statement "seems to agree racist attitudes exist in today's society." Your statement implies that there is a valid question regarding the existence of racism in "today's society." The fact is, the founding of this country was based on acts of racism; therefore, unquestionably, an integral part of today's society. Consider the role of religion, capitalism and "manifest destiny" in the obliteration of the tribal nations which lived in present day North and South America.

Consider the enslavement of Africans and the uncivilized acquisition of the Southwest from Mexico. These were all brutal acts of oppression by race which served as the foundation of this country.

But today, consider the images of Virginia Beach riots and news clips of racial riots in apartheid South Africa. From my perspective as a person of color, these pictures look strikingly similar. Consider the ceaseless exploitation of Mexican immigrants in the U.S. agricultural labor market and in the U.S. (Nebraska) meatpacking industries. Consider the deplorable economic, social and living conditions of Native Americans and all people of color compared to that of the majority.

Attempting to humorize or minimize racism is in some ways more dangerous than violent acts of a skinhead or a neo-nazi since it trivializes the issue and produces a false sense of reality. Publishing such items trivializes, minimizes and, regardless of intentions, produces a false sense of reality for students who may not have developed an accurate means of coping with or identifying such degradations.

The intent of this letter is to let it be known that there are people on this campus who will not tolerate acts of racism no matter how benign or harmless the format in which they are presented may seem.

Roger Ramirez
UNO student

To the Editor:

"Thank goodness I don't need that kind of help!" This is what some people say when they read about the many worthy services the United Way/CHAD campaign supports. What is frightening is that one day some of us will need help because misfortune can strike any of us, anytime. Thank goodness the United Way/CHAD is here to help when tragedy occurs.

Once again this year, those of us who have jobs and good health have a chance to help create a better life for others in our community through the United Way/CHAD campaign.

Why United Way and CHAD? For one thing it's a winning combination. Emergency assistance, youth services, disease research, health education, counseling and programs to combat family violence and neglect are offered by participating agencies. One good example of the effectiveness of these programs was the 1988 tornado in Council Bluffs. Agencies of United Way and CHAD served more than 44,000 meals, gave more than 3,300 individuals free grocery orders and, with more than 500 volunteers, found shelter for more than 300 families who lost nearly all they owned. The United Way and CHAD, by helping people when they need it, makes the community a better place for all of us.

I encourage students, faculty and students to focus their charitable giving this year where their dollars will be spent toward the best investment — the United Way/CHAD campaign.

The campaign at UNO began Sept. 14 and will end on Friday, Oct. 6. Our UNO goal this year is \$47,194. If everyone considers the great needs within our community, it is a realistic and attainable goal. UNO people have always been generous, and this year should be no exception.

Del Weber
UNO Chancellor

So far, this electronic prodding has kept me from missing a deadline.

After three or four straightforward articles, one story idea cried out for commentary. So our ace rookie editor gave me the green light to write about students' T-shirts and the messages they bear. (I don't think he's learned to say "no" to a father

So here I sit in September, still mesmerized by this blinking cursor. I guess I'm a sucker for quiet desperation.

Meanwhile picture my look of quiet desperation. If you see a blank space in place of this column some Tuesday, you'll know I'm off pond fishing.

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Duk-Choong Kim to speak about trade

Duk-Choong Kim, co-founder of the Daewoo Corporation of Korea, will be the first speaker at UNO's Academy, Business and Community Breakfast Series (ABC) Wednesday, Oct. 4, at Holiday Inn, 69th and Grover. Kim's speech titled, "US-East Asian Trade and National Security Issues," will begin at 7:30 a.m.

Seminar focuses on phone skills

Telephone Selling Skills, a new one-day seminar from the College of Continuing Studies, will be held Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 8:30 a.m. at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center. The seminar will focus on specialized techniques to improve the success rate of telephone sales calls.

Series highlights parenting techniques

"Helping Parents Help Kids," a new series of noncredit seminars offered by the College of Continuing Studies, will begin Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center. The seminars will deal with everyday problems which children are likely to encounter, and focus on the parenting techniques that can be most helpful in those situations.

Weber to deliver update speech

Chancellor Del Weber will deliver his annual "university update" speech to the staff on Sept. 28, in the Epply Auditorium. Weber will speak from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and again from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. In his speech, Weber will discuss goals of the university as well as review accomplishments of the past academic year.

Divorce workshop to be held

"Divorce: Healing the Wounds," sponsored by the Faculty Employee Assistance Program for UNO and Medical Center employees is for divorced individuals or those who are currently going through a divorce. The workshop will be held from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings from Oct. 3 to Nov. 21.

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Morgan speaks at Fiesta

By MICHELLE FLYR

The Hispanic Student Organization (HSO) sponsored a Fiesta Mexicana Thursday in the Student Center, complete with entertainment, dancing, food and speakers.

The fiesta was held in honor of Hispanic Heritage Week.

"The purpose is to bring culture on campus," said Ray Remijio, HSO president. "It is important for everyone to understand and become more aware of what we're all about."

Omaha Mayor P.J. Morgan and Bob Campos, an Omaha businessman, were the guest speakers.

"We wanted to bring in speakers and businessmen college students could look up to," Remijio said.

Bob Campos, an Omaha native and owner of Campos Construction Co., told the audience an education is imperative to success.

"Education is the foundation of where we're going and what we're looking for," Campos said. "In order to be successful you need to set small goals that are reachable."

Campos' company is one of many minority-owned businesses in the United States. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 58 percent of businesses will be minority-owned in the next ten years, Campos said. "Everyone has to have a plan in business," he said. "If you don't keep up with the plans you get behind and get lost."

Campos said creating a plan and adhering to it will pay off

in the long run. In 1977, his first year in business, Campos said he netted nearly \$50,000. This year, he said he will finish with more than \$6 million.

He said American corporations must realize the minority labor force cannot be ignored.

"Many corporations are trying to hire minorities. They are our future," Campos said.

Mayor Morgan said he would also like to see minority businesses do well in the community.

"We are going to do a much better job to make certain we participate to a greater level, and not just talk about how we need minority businesses," Morgan said. "We, in city government, need to lead the way in that area."

Morgan said UNO is helping the community by recruiting minority students.

"I consider this truly an asset that will help me bring about the goals I want to see for this community," he said.

The community cannot be satisfied with great economic prosperity in some parts of the city and pockets of unemployment exceeding 30 percent in other parts, Morgan said. The community needs to help get businesses started, he added.

"I believe good things can be accomplished in the years ahead because of all the people participating," Morgan said. "There is a spirit here for working together in a positive way."



—Eric Frances

Omaha Mayor P.J. Morgan spoke Thursday at Fiesta Mexicana sponsored by the Hispanic Student Organization

Food Services increase campus food prices

By KAREN SEILER

Does the increase in food prices on campus get you down?

According to Mike Milone, manager of Food Services, some food prices on campus have risen 5 to 10 percent.

Guy Conway, director of the Student Center, said the price increase is due to a 10 percent increase in labor costs and a 5 to 7 percent increase in cost of goods.

Conway said Food Services receives money from four sources: student fees, income from the bookstore, income from food sales and money received when groups rent portions of the Student Center for activities.

Milone said Food Services is a non-profit operation within the university.

"We are not trying to make money," Milone said. "We operate at a loss." Food services supplements those losses by catering for the university and for the Peter Kiewit Conference Center, he added.

Before raising prices, Milone said Food Services held a meeting in April with students from various student organizations on campus.

"We introduced them to the Caboose (formerly the Donut Hole) concept and the pricing structure. The students told us \$3.50

or under was the average price paid for lunch," he said. "We try to keep our prices below \$3.50."

Conway said funding for the Donut Hole remodeling did not come from increased food prices.

"The two are related, but they do not have a direct correlation," Conway said. "The money came from reserve funds built up over the years."

Milone said, "Every time we've done something with prices, we've compared with other fast-food operations. We guarantee our quality and our prices."

He encouraged students to try other fast-

food restaurants and compare the prices and quality of the food to those on campus.

However, those comparisons must be done off campus because of a university policy prohibiting food to be brought on campus from other operations.

Conway said the policy is enforced in the Student Center only when brought to the attention of the staff.

"Obviously we cannot monitor all the food eaten on campus," Conway said. "If it is brought to our attention, we inform the people of the policy. In almost any case, they are more than willing to comply."



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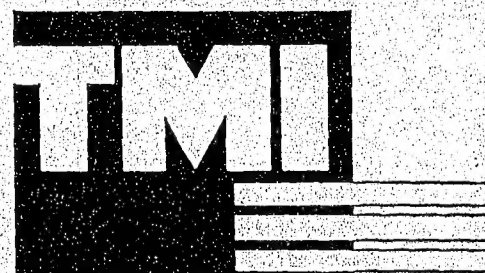
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Virginia Beach an example of student parties gone bad

The four-day conflict between National Guardsmen and students at Virginia Beach, Va., during the Sept. 1-4 holiday weekend, was one of the most violent collegiate confrontations in years.

Shrouded by racial overtones, it was only the most recent example of student gatherings deteriorating into chaos.

Fistfights, vandalism, mass arrests and riots have marked a number of student gatherings on and off campus since 1985.

Block parties and campus functions have spun out of control and into riots at Indiana, Colorado State, Iowa State, Mankato State and St. Cloud State universities, as well as at the University of California-Santa Barbara in recent years.

The confrontations frequently led to hundreds of arrests. At Colorado State in 1987, 91 people were injured.

In 1985, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. officials discouraged students from vacationing there after police failed to control crowds of youths from vandalizing properties and harassing residents.

In 1986, Palm Springs, Cal. police arrested 500 vacationing youths rioting in the streets; throwing bottles, ripping the blouses off passersby and breaking store windows. Nine people were injured in two days of rioting.

In March 1988, approximately 3,000 students rioted on Mustang Island, Tex. Four people were stabbed and eight were arrested.

Helicopters, tear gas and nearly 100 police officers were

called upon before peace was restored 24 hours later.

Donor asks for his money back

An entrepreneur has asked for his \$15 million donation to the University of Utah back after officials there refused to rename its medical college and hospital after him.

What would have been the largest single gift ever given in Utah wasn't enough to convince students, faculty, alumni and others to add James Sorenson's name to the generic University of Utah School of Medicine and University of Utah Hospital.

"People felt that all the contributions that helped build the school would take a back seat," said Mike Mattsson, the university's vice president of development. "The protest within the university and the community was overwhelming."

"I do not want the siege to continue on my account," Sorenson said in retracting the gift the first week of September.

College men and women still aren't equal in the bedroom

The Sexual Revolution has come and gone, but college women and men still aren't on equal ground in the bedroom, sociologist Janet Lever said.

Lever drew her conclusions from an October 1988 roundtable discussion of six women attending the University of Wisconsin in Madison. The group discussed condoms, oral sex, mutual satisfaction, date rape, intimacy and the fear of AIDS and pregnancies.

"The biggest change I see in the last 25 years is that a guy doesn't have to say 'I love you' anymore to get a woman in bed," said Lever, whose thoughts are published in the current issue of Playboy magazine.

Once in bed, women typically are responsible for protection against pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. If they don't bring the matter up, their partners won't either, Lever said.

According to Lever, some women on the pill will say they're not, just so the man will use a condom.

"It's okay to worry about pregnancy, but protection against disease is still taboo," Lever said.

"Women are still sexually active," Lever said. "AIDS just makes them wait until the third or fourth date to have sex."

College Professors think their students aren't well educated

College professors think their students are not very well educated.

Three-fourths of the 5,000 college teachers queried last spring by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching said their undergraduate students are "seriously under prepared in the basic skills," preliminary data reveal.

Complete results of the survey, which the Washington, D.C.-based foundation conducts every five years, will be released in November.

Professors at two-year colleges complained most frequently. Eighty-four percent said students lack basic skills, while 65 percent at liberal arts colleges said their pupils don't know enough.

Two-thirds of those surveyed thought colleges spend "too much time and money teaching students what they should have learned in high school."

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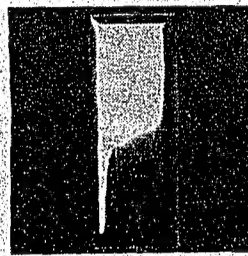


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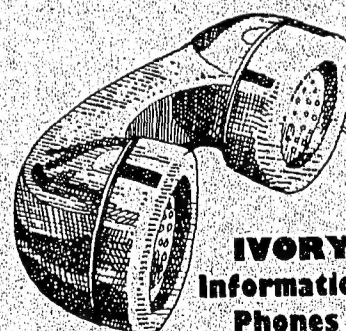
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The University of Nebraska at Holdthemayo?

The D.C. cops were fed up. So a few months ago they rounded up two dozen Washington, D.C. hookers and marched them on foot out of the District and across the Potomac River bridge into Virginia.

The incident brought national attention and a flurry of post-incident commentary on the issue of prostitution in the nation's capital. One member of a citizens' advisory committee to the D.C. police commented, "We'd be thrilled if they (the police) would drive them to Omaha..."

Rep. Peter Hoagland issued a press release on this issue calling the statement "silly," and Barbara Rothenberg, a D.C. real estate broker who made the remark said she really didn't mean to offend anyone by suggesting Washington's prostitute population be transported to Omaha. "It's just a funny name," Rothenberg said. "I guess it sticks in my mind because I saw a play years ago where one of the characters said he was from Omaha, ha, ha, ha."

D.C.'s women of negotiable affections are probably back on 16th Street, the police are about their business of fighting serious criminals in the city and our fine city gets goosed again because the name Omaha "is just a funny name."

But Barbara Rothenberg is right. It is a funny name.

The problem is not the city but its name. As far as quality of life and good people go, this is a hard place to beat. It takes an unjustified, lack-luster rap, however, for reasons that are largely phonetic.

The word "Omaha" has all the phonetic punch as a soggy saltine. It's not like the word "Nebraska," which has considerable syllabic and consonant girth. When enunciated with an edge of resonance, "Nebraska" almost brings to the mind of an outsider the image of Marlboro country.

C'mon, admit it. The out-of-state, one-word response to "Where do you live?" is usually "Nebraska" followed by a pause while we wait for the listener to acknowledge that, yes, he or she knows where that is, and only then followed by the qualifier "Omaha." What we need is a new name for this city.

If there is something unique associated with your city this might not matter so much. Indianapolis has an auto race, New York is the largest city in the United States, and it rains a lot in Seattle. Chicago is synonymous with its tall buildings and twisted politics, and, until J.R. came around, Dallas was to many the place where JFK was shot.

To outsiders, what is associated with Omaha? Other than Marlin Perkins' contribution, that is.

We are short on superlatives. No, we don't have the tallest this or the longest that or the busiest whatever. We don't even have an international airport, or an "airport" for that matter. We have an "airfield," which sort of brings to mind Waldo Pepper barnstorming in a single-prop Jenny.

Nobody real famous lives here either, although one or two passed through from cradle to Hollywood. And none of our politicians make the headlines unless they're dating someone interesting. There is no pro sport's team, nationally recognized annual event, nor, thank God, no disaster that bears the moniker "Omaha."

We are the vanilla of metropolises. Even the Omaha Indians, the tribe for which the city was named, seemed pretty mellow.

It would seem that our media image has a lot to do with this. It is largely song, stage and screen that has influenced how a place is perceived these days. Johnny Carson is perhaps the most consistent and prestigious national figure to tout Omaha.

Jerry FINACCHIARO COLUMNIST

He actually does little more than mention the name of the city with a certain respective lilt in his voice, but coming from Johnny that's something. Outside the "Tonight Show," however, we're not doing so well.

The earliest celluloid mention of Omaha was probably when the Wizard of Oz was skirted away in a run-away balloon bearing the words "World's Fair Omaha." Following this, it seems Omaha has been connoted in the media as either a haven for hayseeds or a metaphor to indicate remoteness, interchangeable with "the middle of nowhere."

C.W. McCall's "Convoy" trucked through the "Big O," '70s rock group Grand Funk Railroad met a hotel detective who was "outa sight" hear and alas, this is where agri-news reporter Les Nessman, winner of the coveted Silver Sow and Copper Cob awards on TV's "WKRP," attended hog conventions. Bob Seger sang about the city in his song "Turn The Page," a tune about a rod-weary rocker in a far-away place.

Place name in the New World vary tremendously. Many were given in honor of a monarch or a place back in the old country (New York); great Americans, (Lincoln); names of

Native American origin (Omaha); French and Spanish words left by early explorers (Baton Rouge, Amarillo) or names made up for seemingly nonsensical reasons or no reason at all. Arizona is loaded with city names that illustrate this well (Cowlic, Silver Bell, Carefree, Tuba City). Following these guidelines, surely there are many good alternatives that could be found.

How about "Shizuoka," Nebraska? We could borrow the name of Omaha's sister city in Japan, or "Osborne City" in honor of Coach Tom who has brought the state much prestige.

Perhaps "Thiesenville" after Omaha's own Jay Gatsby, or "Zorinski," Nebraska. Nope. Wouldn't look right on the travel posters.

Perhaps dominant features or attractions of this city should be considered. How about "Aksarben," Nebraska? It would minimize the chances of misspellings and dyslexics would be thrilled. "Airbase," Nebraska has a certain Top Gun quality to it.

Although it's a favorite of some local media personalities, "River City" is a hoot. Most Omahans seem completely unaware of the presence of the Missouri River. We are no more a "River City" than we are a "Drainage Ditch City." Perhaps we should use a name featuring some banal and otherwise unimpressive feature of ours or any city: "Bowling Alley" or "Dry Cleaners," Nebraska.

I propose that we follow Arizona's lead and call it something like "Holdthemayo," Nebraska. There's a winner. "Mutual of Holdthemayo." "Z-92, The Rock of Holdthemayo."

We could all earn a diploma from "The University of Nebraska at Holdthemayo." "This is Fred Jones, the vice president of marketing in our Holdthemayo office." Local lovelies vying for statewide beauty honors would first have to be crowned "Miss Holdthemayo."

Outrageous you say? Not at all. We'd learn to roll with it and eventually think nothing of it. Just ask the people of Toad Suck, Arkansas.

Shakespeare once asked, "What's in a name?" Plenty. But Shakespeare never went on ski trips and lied to pretty girls about where he was from because it sounded sort of, well, uncool.

Just imagine: Someday, in the ski bastions of our neighboring Colorado, you may find young singles from all over the United States peacocking about and saying something like, "That's right, we're from Holdthemayo. Wanna dance?"

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SPORTS

Mavs' razzle dazzle keeps South Dakota frazzled

BY TONY FLOTT

With LaRon Henderson on the injured list, the pregame outlook for the UNO football team's rushing offense looked bleak.

Henderson's replacements, sophomores Abel Fernandez and Bruce Martens, would be running behind an offensive line that produced just 295 rushing yards in two games.

However, in the North Central Conference opener, the Mavs put a solid ground game together with a few trick plays to beat South Dakota 23-9 Saturday night at Al F. Caniglia Field. The win improved UNO's record to 2-1.

"I thought we rushed the ball better," UNO Coach Sandy Buda said. "And we grew a little bit tonight."

Martens led the rushing charge against the Coyotes. Buda has termed Martens the "slasher."

Martens sputtered for just 16 yards in the first half but caught fire after intermission, finishing with a game-high, 96 yards on 17 carries.

Martens ran for one touchdown and passed for another as UNO executed its first trick play of the game.

With the score tied 6-6 late in the third quarter, UNO faced a second-down running situation on the Coyotes' 17-yard line.

However, quarterback Paul Cech pitched the ball to Martens, who tossed a left-handed pass across the middle to Bobby Gordon. Gordon scored giving UNO a 13-7 lead.

Martens said he was unsure of the chances when the play was called.

"I kind of went 'Oh! God!,'" Martens said. "I threw it once this week in practice and it didn't look too good."

"Bruce executed well and really sold the run. He's left handed so that's why we ran it to the left," Buda said. "Bobby did a good job of getting lost over the middle."

Gordon was involved in another trick play late in the fourth quarter.

Gordon ran the reverse with the Mavs leading 16-9 and the



Sophomore fullback Roy Napora gets flipped by a South Dakota defender Saturday night.

--Dave Weaver

ball on South Dakota's 20-yard line. Gordon scampered to the three-yard line for a first-and-goal situation.

Martens spun into the end zone on the ensuing play with the Mavs' final score.

Although UNO ran up the middle most of the game, the Mavs varied their attack with five different offensive formations to spread out the South Dakota defense.

"We tried to spread them out and then run inside," Buda said. "We hit traps and that's why our fullbacks had a good night."

"We felt in the first half we really tried to force running the ball. We came out in the second half with all those different formations," Buda said.

Fernandez chipped in 75 yards on 15 attempts and fullback Ray Napora added 42 yards on just four carries.

Defensively, the Mavericks surrendered just 213 total yards,

limiting South Dakota's ground game to 89 yards on 42 carries, 2.1 a pop.

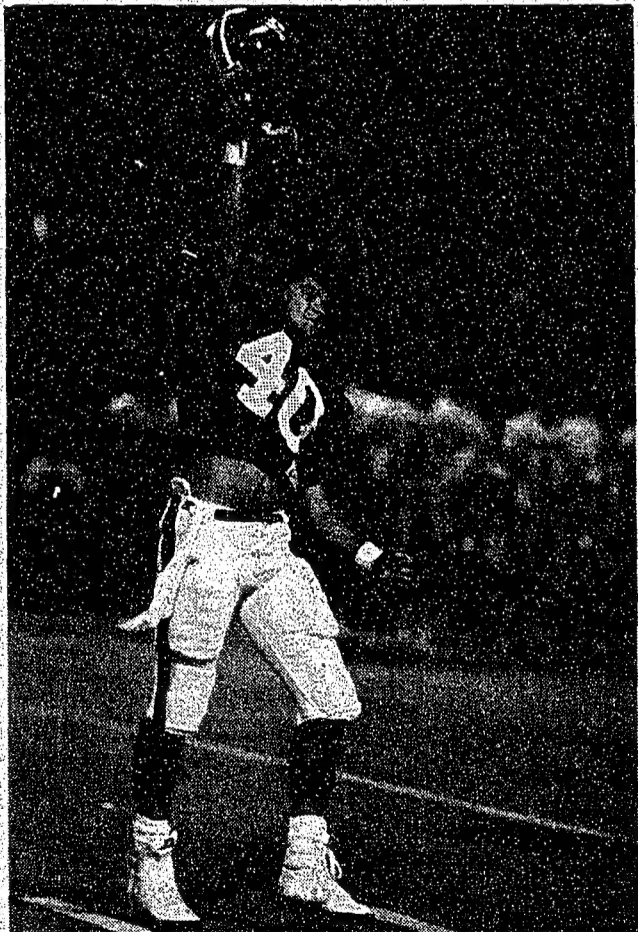
Leading the defensive charge was linebacker Larry Sibley, who had his second start in place for injured Kirk Coleman. Sibley finished with a game-high 17 tackles.

Sibley also figured prominently in a goal-line stand by the Mavericks.

With the game tied 6-6 in the third quarter, the Coyotes drove down to the UNO two-yard line.

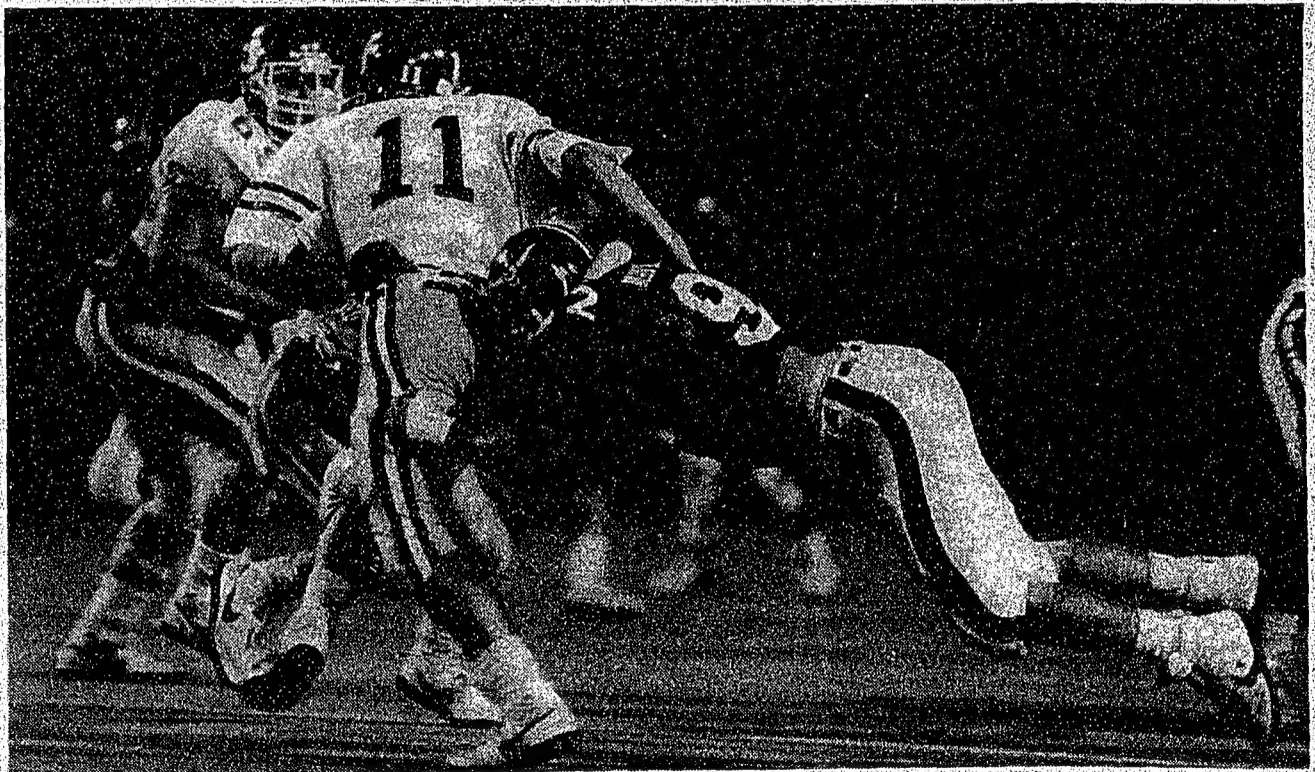
On fourth-and-goal, Sibley intercepted quarterback Chad Andersen's pass to kill the Coyotes' scoring opportunity.

"The only thing I thought we had problems defensively with was third and long," Buda said. "Other than those kinds of plays, we gave up three field goals and didn't give up touchdowns. That's a good night."



--Photo by Eric Francis

Sophomore running back Abel Fernandez basks in the glory of the Mavs' 23-9 victory Saturday.



Defensive tackle Dan Williams ruffles a Coyote during the Mav win at Al F. Caniglia Stadium.

--Dave Weaver

UNO frosh hopes women's soccer rings loud and clear

BY GREG KOZOL

UNO freshman Tina Fonter arrived on campus three weeks ago, and already she's making changes.

No, she's not building another bell tower. But Fonter hopes starting a women's soccer club will make as much noise as the Campanile in the middle of campus.

"Just because I'm out of high school doesn't mean I have to quit playing," said Fonter, who graduated from Omaha Central High School in 1989.

"Soccer is a great game and I want to continue with it."

Fonter said she heard about the men's

soccer club and wondered if the women also had a club.

"I found out they didn't," she said.

Fonter decided to start a women's club at UNO so she could continue on with a lifelong activity.

"I've been playing since I was six," she said. "It's hard to give up."

Fonter said organizing the club became a lot of hard work.

"It's a little different from high school and when I was younger because I have to do it all myself," she said. "I probably spend an hour or two a day calling players on the phone."

Fonter said she called high school soccer

coaches and asked about former players who now attend UNO.

"I know a lot of people who play soccer," she said. "It's sort of like a grapevine."

One player who heard it through the grapevine is freshman Michelle Horton.

Horton, an honorable mention all-state goalie from Omaha Gross High School, said she jumped at the opportunity to join the new club.

"Soccer's kind of boring at first," Horton said. "But there is a lot of action."

Fonter said Carrie Wagner, assistant coordinator of sports clubs at UNO, has helped put the club together.

"She's put a lot of motivation into me," Fonter said. "She has shown me how to what to do."

Fonter said she is busy drawing up a constitution to be voted on by the student senate.

A team of 20 to 25 girls is being assembled, some of former all-state caliber from high school, Fonter said.

"It's your right to play in a club, so no one gets cut," Wagner said.

The team held its first practice Sunday and will play area clubs and teams this spring.

"I'm very excited about this team," Fonter said. "We will be ready by spring."

Rugby players spend weekend getting rucked and mauled

By JIM ANDERSON

Second in a series on alternative sports.

In 1982, Americans caught a glimpse of rugby on national television — and didn't even know it.

In one of the most memorable endings in college football history, California trailed Stanford by six points in the closing seconds and needed a miracle. They got it.

A California player received Stanford's kick off and charged toward the end zone. Five times a Stanford defender tackled a runner, and five times the runner pitched the ball backward to a different California player. Stanford's band, thinking the play and the game was over, marched onto the field. The final California runner leveled a trombone player as he crossed the goal line, giving the Golden Bears the win.

Alternative

SPORTS

Take away the helmets, shoulder pads and trombone player, and you've got rugby.

In rugby, players called flankers and burners maneuver the ball downfield through a series of options and pitches. The runner often pitches the ball just before being tackled.

Royce Maynard of the Greater Omaha Area Touring Side (GOATS), an area rugby club, said the hits come as hard as in football.

"I've been playing for six years and have never really had a serious injury," Maynard, a senior marketing student at UNO, said.

Despite wearing shirts and shorts instead of helmets and shoulder pads, Maynard said the game's fast pace keeps injuries limited.



Are these guys mauling or rucking? Two area Rugby players display their sport Saturday at N.P. Dodge Park.

The ball changes hands frequently so players can not square off for a hard hit, Maynard said. "You never really see a linebacker clocking a receiver. The rules are structured with the player's safety in mind," he said.

A rugby game begins with a kick off and lasts 80 minutes, consisting of two 40 minute halves. The clock runs continuously and stops during injuries only.

After an injury or a penalty, the ball is laid on the ground and both teams link arms and

surround the ball for a scrum-down.

"This is similar to a face-off in hockey," Maynard said.

In a scrum-down, the players hook the ball with their feet and flip it backwards to an outside player. This player begins running downfield with the ball.

The goal of rugby is the same as football — score touchdowns. A touchdown, or try, awards four points. A kick through the goal posts counts for a two-point conversion.

Kicking the ball through the uprights provides the other means of scoring. A team can kick from a tee after an unnecessary roughness penalty, or a drop-kick can be executed at any time by any player. Both kicks are worth three points.

Other penalties, such as an offensive player advancing past the player with the ball, are followed by a scrum down, Maynard said.

A scrum-down also occurs when a runner drops the ball or is stopped by a defender. This is called a maul or a ruck.

Rugby's popularity is increasing on college campuses and around the world, Maynard said. Creighton and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln have rugby clubs.

Maynard, who played rugby in Australia, said over 120 countries participate in the sport. "I was surprised to see the large international aspect of the game," he said.

Maynard said he started playing rugby in 1984. "I played soccer and football in high school and a friend told me to try the game," he said.

Last year the advice paid off when Maynard was selected to the Great Plains Union junior squad. The GOATS also experienced team success last year, beating several Nebraska and South Dakota teams to win the Great Plains Union championship.

The GOATS play 15 to 20 games in an eight-week season. This schedule consists of regular season games and tournaments.

The GOATS practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Norris Junior High School on 2235 S. 46th St.

Maynard said he welcomes new players who don't mind mauling, rucking and scrumming.

Year away from volleyball renews Dickey's competitive spirit

By PAT RINN

Jennifer Dickey said having a year away from volleyball helped her regain a competitive edge.

A sophomore from Glen Ellyn, Ill., Dickey leads the Lady Mavs with 378 set assists this season. At the Illini Classic in Champaign, Ill. Sept. 9, Dickey was named to the All-Tournament team.

"I was really suprised, but it was nice to be selected," Dickey said.

Dickey's success comes one year after shelving the volleyball knee pads to pursue other interests.

In 1987, she played for the University of Illinois at Chicago, but transferred to Du Page Community College.

"At Chicago I felt I wasn't getting the instruction I needed and there wasn't any competition," she said. "I felt a let down after the way I played in high school."

It was easy to feel a let down after Dickey's high-school career. She played four seasons under Karen Uhler, now UNO's coach, and won a state championship at Lisle High

School in Glen Ellyn.

"She helped Lisle win the state title in 1985 as the team went 39-3," Uhler said. "She is a very talented and consistent player."

Dickey received an Associate Arts degree at Du Page. She said she missed volleyball and turned to Uhler for advice.

"I needed some help to make some academic and personal decisions," Dickey said.

Uhler invited Dickey on a recruiting trip to see the Lady Maverick program.

Dickey said she made the right decision.

"Having Coach Uhler here influenced me to go to UNO. I like UNO because of the credibility of the school and the competitiveness of the schedule," Dickey said.

Uhler praised Dickey's play at UNO this season. "She has found her niche on the team. She really has blossomed into a leader. The hitters are getting comfortable with her sets now," Uhler said.

Mavs win three in Texas tourney

The UNO volleyball team upped its record to 6-4, by winning three games and dropping one at the West Texas State Classic over the weekend.

Jennifer Dickey led the Lady Mavs in set assists with 180 in the tournament. Junior Amy Gradoville pounded 62 kill-spikes as the UNO volleyball team held their No. 10 national ranking.

UNO topped California State at Bakersfield and Regis College on Friday. On Saturday, the Lady Mavs defeated East Texas State before being swept in three games by West Texas State.

Despite losing one game in the tourney, UNO Coach Karen Uhler said she was pleased with team's offense and defensive performance.

"We were not in the UNO mode early in the tournament," Uhler said. "But I think we came away from it very well."

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*More than 16,000 run,
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BY DAMON GRAN

Instead of racing for the gold, more than 90 UNO faculty and staff members set their own pace Sunday at the 9th Annual Omaha Corporate Cup road race.

UNO Health Services nurse Ruth Hanon and Facilities Planning and Management architect Dennis Moore said they ran for enjoyment and were satisfied finishing in the middle of the pack.

"I really enjoyed being part of such a good thing," Hanon said. "It's for a good cause."

The 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) run through downtown Omaha benefited the American Lung Association.

Makki El-Bashir, a UNO student and KVNO employee, led UNO runners with a time of 36 minutes and 23 seconds.

"I'm glad how I finished, but this isn't my best 10-kilometer time," Elbashir said. "But the course was a nice one."

Chemistry Professor Roger Hoberg, who runs three miles every day, finished his third

Corporate Cup in 53 minutes, 30 seconds.

"The pace started out so slow, but I was finally able to get going after a mile or so," Hoberg said.

Other UNO runners, like Joyce Redman and Janice Zach, walked the course.

Whether running or walking, all UNO finishers received muffins, apples, oranges and Gatorade at the finish line, compliments of Campus Recreation.

Carrie Wagner, assistant coordinator of Campus Recreation, said the run was a success.

"We are pleased with the turnout, even though we had to turn away people because of an Aug. 31 registration deadline," Wagner said.

American Lung Association Special Campaigns Director Anne Seeley estimated more than 16,000 participated in the race, up from 13,000 last year.

Wagner said Campus Recreation paid \$500 of the runners' entry fee and the individuals paid \$7.50. "Hopefully all the fees will be paid by the university next year so we can attract more runners," Wagner said.

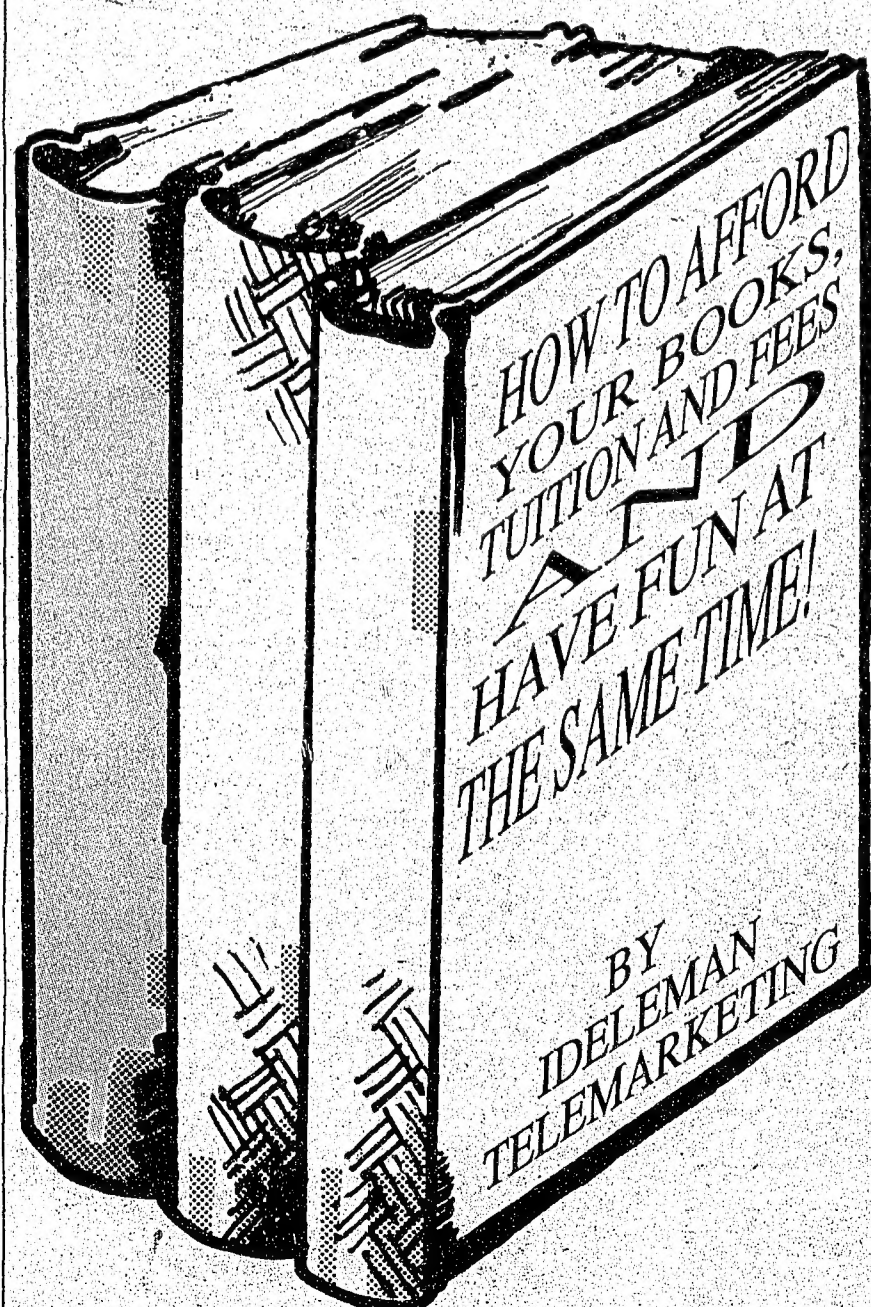
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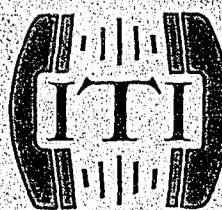


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Are these people fighting for a parking space at UNO? No, this mass of humanity is surging across the starting line Sunday to kick off the ninth annual Corporate Cup Run.



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BODEANS

Bob Griffin, left and Sammy Llanas of the BoDeans.

The beer that made Milwaukee famous in Omaha? No, not this Friday. The band that made Milwaukee famous will be in Omaha.

Who is it? A couple of hints: They toured with U2, made three hit records and appeared on "Late Night with David Letterman." Give up? All right then...it's the BoDeans.

The roots-rock band with the weird name is touring to promote their third and latest album, "Home."

The BoDeans will perform at the Peony Park Ballroom Sept. 22. All ages are welcome.

Tickets are available at the Ranch Bowl, Peony Park, Homers, Pickles and Dirt Cheap Record Stores.

BIG MAX ON CAMPUS

by Bob Atherton



Wong-Ligda exhibit 'visually provocative'

By JULIE OLSON

Edward Wong-Ligda wants his art to "grab viewers by the collar and shake them." And it does just that.

His exhibit, currently on display at the UNO Art Gallery, centers around the female form and is visually provocative.

He offers a simple view of the female form in various contorted positions and lets you view and experience the human form realistically.

Wong-Ligda, who attended the exhibit's opening reception Sept. 8, said most people don't view life drawing as an art form, but as a practice. He said figurative art is important and would like people to appreciate its solitary relevance.

One of the many features that will grab the viewer is Wong-Ligda's vibrant use of rich colors. The artist uses tangerine, moss green, royal blue and provocative red amongst an array of similarly majestic colors. Even his work, "Uncle Yee's Nude, 1935," though dark in tone and

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mood, has a tinge of electric blue poking through the clouds. The flesh tones also seem very tangible and silky.

Another crucial feature of Wong-Ligda's art is his preference for working with charcoal. He said he uses one charcoal grade for an entire picture.

Another unique preference of the artist is to leave all lines in the finished product. He said he likes to show the observer his process so they can see his drawings from beginning to end. The lines not only show his process, but seem to add movement to the figures.

Although crude in some respects, the charcoal figures are wonderfully rounded with simple shading. His work, "Teresa, Oct. 16, 1988," offers a figure seemingly natural in her twisted position. He accomplishes this through the fluidity of line and shading.

Another work, "Julia, May 24, 1988," is drawn very delicately and could represent a woman from any time. Since the artist deals mainly with nudes, his works are rendered virtually timeless.

Wong-Ligda said he decided to become an artist at an early age. He said as a child he drew only the typical "fighting army figures." His childhood, he said, was spent waiting for adulthood and the fulfillment of his goals.

Wong-Ligda's exhibit will be on display at the Art Gallery through Sept. 22.

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